

Weekend in **Goierri** .01

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Explore our gorgeous landscapes and discover the fascinating magic of our mountains in this rustic and still little known land. A great place for relaxing in nature! A walker's destination for the entire family.

The Basque Highlands is only a half-an-hour drive from San Sebastián and 1 hour from Bilbao. Treat yourself and combine a **hike** through our two natural parks with superb Basque traditional **gastronomy** in a local cider house. If you have just a weekend to spend in Goierri, follow our suggestions to make it the perfect getaway.



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Friday



Ordizia, Segura and Beasain are nice villages with their own character. They are perfect spots to experience the local life and enjoy the poteo with groups of friends (we call them cuadrillas) practicing bar-hopping: taking a drink and a bite -pintxo- in each bar. Once there you must try a glass of our traditional cider or txakoli, the unique Basque white wine with a fresh taste, which is amazing paired with our delicious award-winning **Idiazabal cheese**.

Morcilla, an eating experience in Beasain

Beasain has the largest population in Goierri and a varied and animated street ambience. Try our morcilla at **Kikara** or any other bar in town. It is our top local product: a great culinary sausage made with onion, leek, pig's blood, fat and spices. You can get it packed at **Olano**, a high quality butchery where world-famous Basque Michelin-awarded chefs, such as **Berasategui** or **Arzak**, buy their morcillas.



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Sleep

Middle Ages style

Explore the **historic artistic site of Igartza** that dates back to the Middle Ages, and enjoy an impressive view of Mount Txindoki. Declared a Historic-Artistic Site, Igartza has a XII century bridge, a Palace, an old foundry, and a windmill. Spend the night at the **Dolarea Hotel**, an impeccably renovated caserío from the XVI century.

Travel back to ancient times, visiting the beautifully preserved village of **Segura**, packed with palaces and other surprises. If you feel hungry, do not miss the ham and chicken croquetas at the pleasant terrace at Hotel Imaz, located in the main square of Segura.



For many years, **Segura** was a mandatory transit point for those coming from Castilla and France, and there are still some stately homes and palaces, like Ardixarra Palace (now the office of the Interpretation Centre of Medieval History), **Lardizabal Palace** (now City Hall), or the parish church of La Asunción.

The village has kept its medieval quarter in very good condition. Known for their **Holy Week processions**, you will see 10 pasos -scenes of Christ's Passion- between Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The most renowned procession is Jesucristo Crucificado, whose image was carved by the sculptor Juan Martínez Montañés, from Seville.

Other important festivities are Saint Nicholas day, the medieval festival or the Basque Country and Navarre dance competition –**baile al suelto**–.



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Market:

Ordizia

a must for foodies

Here you will find an extensive farmer's **market** with over 500 years of history behind it. Every Wednesday there are top quality seasonal, fresh and local products –delightful vegetables, prized cheeses, honey and bread- **from knowledgeable farmers** based in villages nearby. Around the market you have the bustling bars. **Restaurante Martinez** is an institution –established in 1890- devoted to the **traditional Basque cuisine with seasonal products from the market**. Highlights include vegetable salad, entrecote with Idiazabal cheese sauce and local beans.



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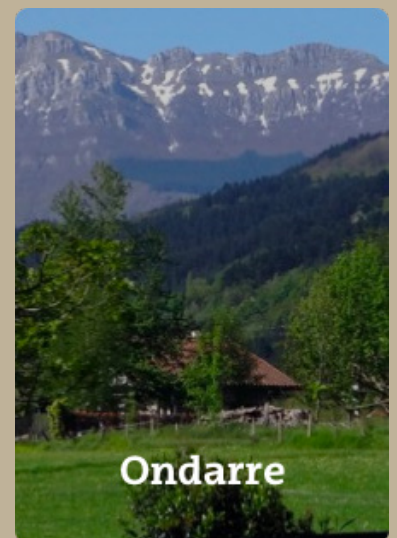
Saturday

Exploring the Basque Highlands with kids will be lots of fun. You can meet our shepherds and their lovable sheep and lambs by booking your visit to a dairy -quesería- organised through the **Cheese Tasting and Interpretation Centre**, a great place to visit with children. Let them tell you the story of our region's famous and delicious **Idiazabal cheese** made with the milk of an ancient race of Basque sheep.



Feed the baby lambs!

If you come to Caserío **Gaztañaditxulo**, your children will see the shepherd dog working and have the chance to feed the lambs. At Quesería **Ondramuño** Brothers Aranburu will guide you through the cheese-making process, an opportunity to taste different varieties of Idiazabal. If you want to experience rural life our recommendation is **Ondarre**, a 500-year-old farm house converted into a B&B and owned by the charming Goiburu family.



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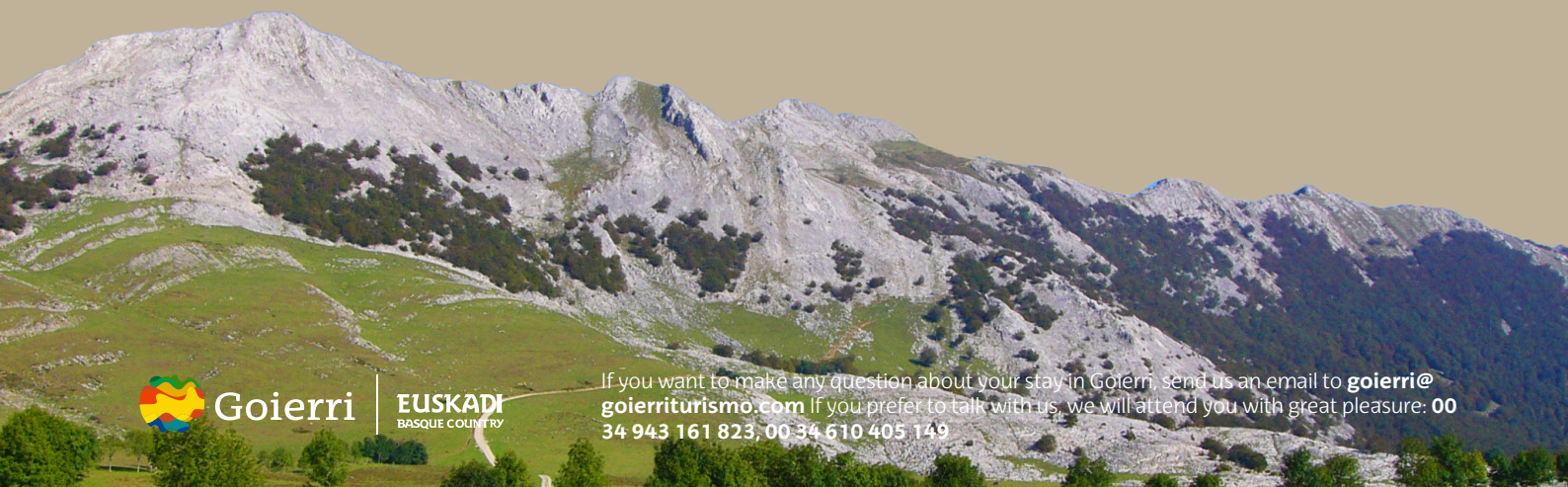
Hike up to

and try a
super Basque
traditional lunch

San Adrián



The scenic view from **San Adrián** is reason enough to put Goierri in your itinerary. The **tunnel** is an historical place declared **Unesco World Heritage Site**. You can experience the appeal of this epic tunnel with your family, either by getting to it by car and walking the last 20 minutes or by taking a 2-hours circular route on foot. When you are done with the walk, you have the reward of good food at the top of Otzaurte in a small restaurant, **Otzaurteko Benta**, where **bean stew and lamb** are the specialties.



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after lunch

outdoor

activities

Discover a whole new world of adventures in **Anduetza Parketxea**, where there are three orienteering circuits with several levels of difficulty for everyone to enjoy. Goierri is full of attractions for families, such as the Green Road of Mutiloa- Ormaiztegi, another good hike for children and parents. It has a didactic game of a route that combines orienteering, hiking and a lot of fun. The Adventure Park of the Interpretation Center of Lizarrusti in Ataun is oriented to families, so they can enjoy their zip lines, charcoal, games made with the dolmens, Tibetan bridge, via ferrata, caves....

Breathtaking views

Our mountain scenery and bird's eye views will help you add followers and extra travel inspiration to your Instagram account.

Go to the tiny village of **Zerain** for stunning views of the **Aralar and Aizkorri mountain ranges**. There are many villages with wonderful viewpoints, such as **Altzagarate, Olaberria, Gabiria** and **Gaintza**. Do not miss **Oaingu park** at **Ordizia** and **Mount Usurbe** in **Beasain**. You can drive to the top to enjoy a magnificent view.

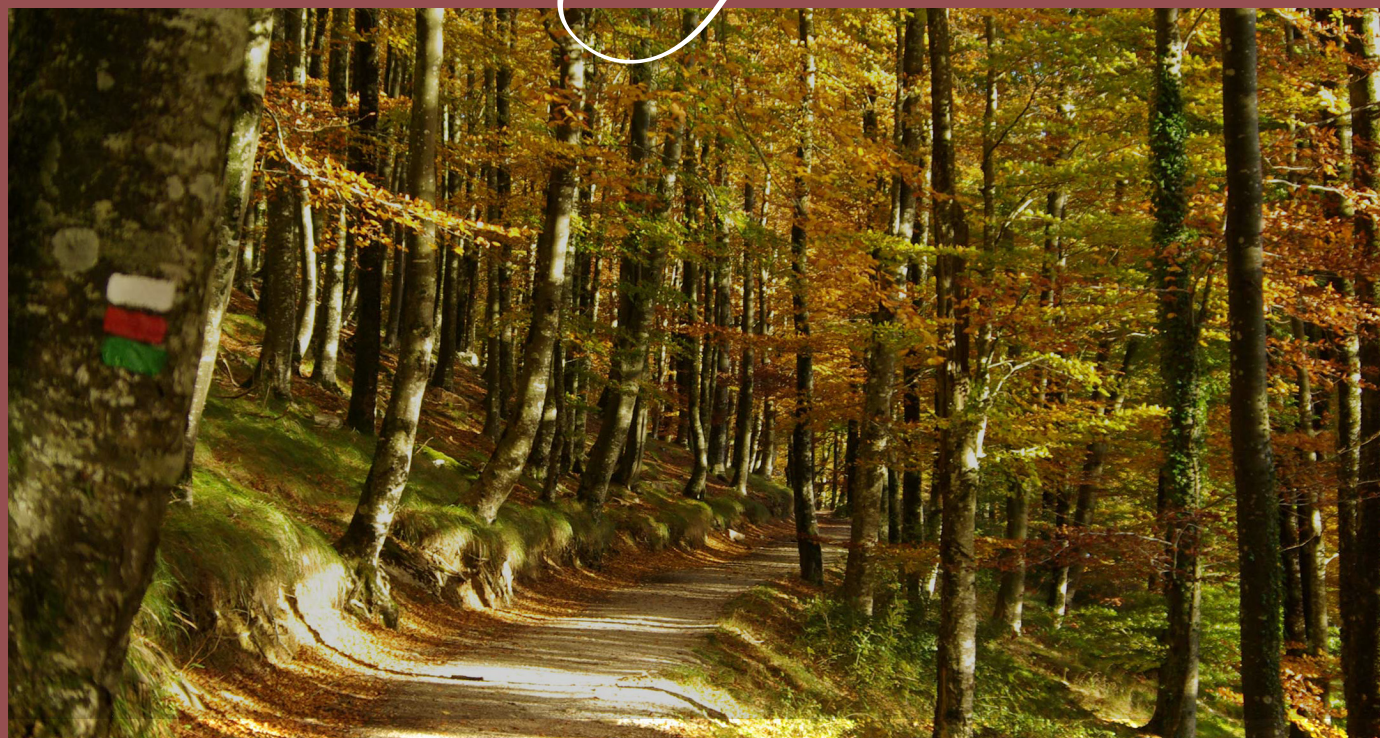


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Sunday



The essence of the Basque Highlands is embodied in Aralar National Park –a perfect plan for Sunday. **Land of shepherds and mythological beings**, the park offers the visitor beautiful summits, like the Txindoki, megaliths, one of Euskadi's biggest beechwood forrests, wide-open mountain pastures where you will find sheep....all of these and more are accesible from the Parketxe Interpretation Centre, where you will be welcomed by José Ramón Aguirre, an experienced mountain climber who has taken expeditions to Mongolia, Pakistan and Nepal. His philosophy is admirable:

*“ This life is the only one we have. Enjoy it
and if you have a dream, go for it”.*

José Ramón Aguirre

Currently, José Ramón is the one in charge of the Parketxe. Follow his advice because he knows the Aralar's trails like the back of his hand!



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A 2- hour hike to LAREO swamp



In the Natural Park of Aralar you will find many hiking routes for beginners to expert hikers. Our pick is the Lizarrusti-Lareo route because it is easy and comfortable. It will take you around 2- and- a -half hours (4 miles) and give you a chance to see the Lareo swamp at the end of the path. It makes this route so extraordinary.

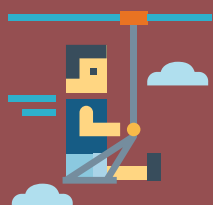


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Zip lines to work up an appetite

The Lizarrusti Adventure Park is simply amazing! It is found in the same Parketxe and the counselors will help you ride the zip lines and pass by the Tibetan bridge. Later on, right here you can charge your batteries with a meal cooked by Jaione Galarza. Try her delicious bean stew in the winter or artichokes and wild mushrooms in the spring. Open daily from July through October. Closed Mondays.



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Visit the house of the father of Basque mythology

Goierri is full of magic and culture. More than 50 witches, giants and some other creatures are part of our rich folklore. To get a deeper knowledge of Basque mythology, visit Ataun's **Barandiaran Museum**, named after **José Miguel**

Barandiaran, a priest dedicated to the study of mythology. He is the father of Basque culture and his museum is a cultural treasure, yet undiscovered by tourists.

Museo Barandiaran

Timetable from 10h to 14h.

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Enjoy a traditional
cider experience

cider house



You are very welcome to visit one of our 7 **cider houses**, usually run by a long tradition of cider producers and where you will get a traditional Basque set menu and share fun with the locals. Urbitarte Sagardotegia is in the village of Ataun, very near the Barandiaran Museum and steps away from the entrance of the Natural Park of Aralar.



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